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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JUAN ANTONIO GOMEZ-JUAREZ,
a/k/a JUAN ANTONIO JUAREZ,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 06-50391

D.C. No. CR-05-00157-TJH-04

MEMORANDUM *

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Central District of California
Terry J. Hatter, Jr., Chief District Judge, Presiding

Submitted February 26, 2008**

Before: BEEZER, FERNANDEZ and McKEOWN, Circuit Judges.

Juan Antonio Gomez-Juarez appeals from the 48-month sentence imposed following his guilty-plea conviction for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(b)(1)(A) and

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

846. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), Gomez-Juarez's counsel has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided the appellant the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief. No pro se supplemental brief or answering brief has been filed.

Our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 80-81 (1988), discloses no arguable grounds for relief on direct appeal.

Accordingly, counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**, and the district court's judgment is **AFFIRMED**.